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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS BY GOV FINANCE MINISTER

REF: (A) CARACAS 589, (B) CARACAS 821

1. VENEZUELA'S NEW FINANCE MINISTER, FRANCISCO USON RAMIREZ, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FROM APRIL 16-18. THE FIRST TWO DAYS WILL BE SPENT ATTENDING THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEETINGS FOR THE REGIONS' FINANCE MINISTERS AND CENTRAL BANK DIRECTORS. FOLLOWING THE IDB MEETINGS, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY OFFICIALS ON APRIL 18.

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2. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES THE REQUEST AND SUGGESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH U/S LARSON AND A/S REICH AND WITH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT TREASURY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE MINISTER WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS AND WE VIEW THEM PRINCIPALLY AS GETTING ACQUAINTED SESSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WILL BE IMPORTANT IN INTRODUCING THE NEW MINISTER TO OUR CONCERNS AND TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HIS PERSPECTIVES ON THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAVEZ ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLICIES.

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5. AT OUR SUGGESTION, THE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS IS ALSO
LIKELY TO BE MADE BY THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
IF THE REQUEST CAN BE HONORED, THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED TALKING
POINTS.

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